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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant recognizes that in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, the Examiner's reasons for allowance need not set forth all of the details as to why the claims are allowed. In the above-referenced application, applicant does not concede that the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance are the only reasons for which the claims are allowable.

In particular, applicant does not concede that all of the identified limitations are necessary to distinguish the prior art of record or to satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112 for each of the claims. Furthermore, the claims may be patentable for reasons other than those suggested by the Examiner. In addition, the dependent claims are allowable on their own merits, and are allowable on the basis of a sub-combination of the recited features of the dependent claims and their respective base claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

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